

October 29, 2008

Coach Steve Jones
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Coach Mike Justice
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Dear Coach Jones and Coach Justice,

The Biloxi-Gulfport football rivalry dates back to 1908 when Biloxi Coach Cleveland Huggins and Gulfport Coach Carl Gates first decided that their teams should compete against each other on the gridiron. From that historic game 100 years ago has grown one of Mississippi's, and possibly America's, most colorful rivalries.

I am proud of the football heritage that continues today on the Gulf Coast. While I will be unable to attend this historic game on November 7, please know that both of you, your fellow coaches and players, and fans will be in my thoughts. You are helping shape young lives through the intensity and fun of athletic competition.

I look forward to another 100 years of memorable games, fierce competition, and most of all GREAT Mississippi football. Again, congratulations on reaching this historic milestone.

Good luck to both your teams!

Sincerely yours,

Governor Haley Barbour